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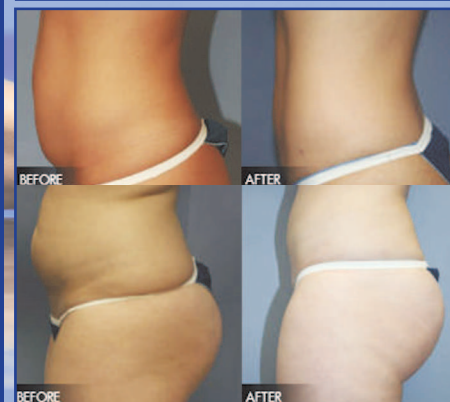
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U.S. automakers made billions of dollars selling pickups and SUVs in the 1990s, but the credit crunch has put them in crisis mode. AP PHOTO

CAR CRASH

Why the auto industry is begging for a bailout

Associated Press

DETROIT At Ford Motor Co. they called it “Blue,” a team set up around the year 2000 to design an array of small, fuel-efficient cars to compete with the Japanese models.

It didn’t get far because no one could figure out how to make money on low-priced compacts with Ford’s high labor costs. Besides, the automaker was racking up billions in profits by selling pickups and SUVs. Times were good and gas was cheap.

“Blue” is only a small blip in automotive history, but it tells a big part of the story about why Detroit automakers are in a mess so critical they could be only months away from bankruptcy.

Democratic leaders in Congress asked the Bush administration over the weekend to provide more aid to the struggling auto industry, which is bleeding cash and jobs as sales have dropped to their lowest level in a quarter-century.

CAN YOU SPARE \$50 BILLION?

To survive, automakers are pressing Washington for \$50 billion in low-interest loans on top of \$25 billion already approved to build more fuel-efficient vehicles. The \$25 billion, though, is gummed up in Energy Department regulations and may not be available until next year.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said in a letter to Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson that the administration should consider expanding the \$700 billion bailout to include car companies.

Critics say leaders over the years at Ford, General Motors and what is now Chrysler were slow to take on unions, failed to invest enough in new products, ceded the car market to the Japanese and were ill-prepared for the inevitable rise in gas prices that would make their trucks and SUVs obsolete.

Industry representatives, however, say their critics are simplistic, giving them no credit for huge progress this decade

in cutting costs, raising productivity, and building competitive cars while handling multiple government regulations and a powerful labor union.

The industry’s demise started in the ’80s, when Toyota and Honda mastered building reliable and efficient cars while the Detroit Three lagged behind. Then the ’90s arrived, and high profits returned as Americans snapped up pickup trucks and SUVs.

When times were good, the automakers did not take on the UAW, which the companies say drove up their labor costs to \$30 per hour more than Japanese companies paid their workers.

The UAW, realizing that the companies were in trouble, agreed to a landmark new contract last year that nearly eliminated the labor cost difference.

But just as the cost cuts started to take hold and new products were rolling out, gas prices rose rapidly to around \$4 per gallon and Wall Street collapsed. That virtually eliminated credit, which 60 percent of car buyers need.



Head of the class

Chicago Tribune

Jon Roll, an instructor at the University of Wisconsin, wants to make one thing clear about a new course creating buzz on the Madison campus.

“This is not a course to help kids go out and slam beers on Friday night,” he said.

Since the school announced it would launch a class this spring on beer brewing—one of the nation’s first major colleges to do so—undergraduates have been scrambling to sign up, graduate students have been quick to offer their assistance, and medical students have been wondering whether they too can participate.

But Roll, who will teach the course, insists that has nothing to do with the school’s reputation for beer guzzling, made evident by its No. 1 party school ranking in recent years by Playboy and Princeton Review, or by Wisconsin’s binge drinking rate—the highest in the country.

No, he says, interest in the course springs from the region’s long history of making beer. The course, in the university’s bacteriology department, will focus on fermentation rather than consumption.

MillerCoors donated \$100,000 in equipment that can make 10 gallons—roughly two cases—of beer at a time.

So what’s going to happen with the final product?

“The students will sample it and critique it,” Roll said. “But beyond that we’ll probably dump any excess. We have absolutely no plans to distribute or sell it.”

TEACHERS’ AIDES

Far be it from us to question instructor Jon Roll’s beer expertise. But RedEye would like to suggest these five as potential guest lecturers for his brewing class.

» Milwaukee’s Bernie Brewer

» Norm from “Cheers”

» St. Pauli Girl

» Joe Six-Pack

» Duff Man (below, from “The Simpsons”)



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SIGHTINGS

» Larry David dined at Gibsons on Thursday night.
 » Players from the Phoenix Suns, including Amare Stoudemire, hung out at Bistro 110 Saturday night before playing against the Bulls at the United Center.
 » Samantha Ronson hung out with friends at SUB 51 on Saturday night.

ONLINE

For more Liz, go to her blog at **thesebootsare made for stalking.com**



Pitt
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Pitt-O-rama

Brad Pitt came to Chicago last week and taped his first interview with Oprah Winfrey in four years to promote his new movie "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button."

Audience members described the interview as "awkward" at times, due to the fact that Pitt hasn't sat down with Winfrey since his divorce from his ex-wife and Oprah pal Jennifer Aniston.

"There were some awkward silences during the commercial breaks and Pitt fidgeted in his chair a lot," an eyewitness told me.

However, Aniston and Pitt's past with her weren't brought up at all. Winfrey focused on Pitt's life with Angelina Jolie and their six children together. Pitt described his children as the funniest people.

He said Shiloh only responds to the names "John" and "Peter," and that Pax recently rebelled. Pitt said he put Pax in timeout and Pax rebelled by peeing on the timeout chair.

Another memorable moment came when a viewer asked Pitt a question about his tattoos via satellite, and Pitt refused to show off his tattoos or talk about them, saying they were personal to him. But he did recommend that audience members get a tattoo with someone they love.

Winfrey told Pitt that this is the happiest she's ever seen him, and he responded with, "Dare I say."

Pitt talked about how he shot photos of Jolie and their newborn twins for a recent issue of "W" magazine. He said that most photo shoots of Jolie portray her as a "femme fatale," but that she's actually very sweet.

Pitt flew out after the taping. Ironically, Aniston is scheduled to tape "Oprah" this week to promote her new film, "Marley & Me."

Barack stars

Celebrities flocked to Chicago on Tuesday night and attended President-elect Obama's victory rally in Grant Park—including Winfrey and Pitt. Some called it a night after the rally, while others went out. Jesse Jackson Jr. hosted a party at the Hilton, and other celebs celebrated Obama's victory at Underground. Forest Whitaker, Star Jones and Common all partied at the late-night club. When Whitaker walked in, Common greeted him with a big hug, according to an eyewitness.



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Building a cold front

It's the season of ill—do you know how to stay healthy?

Germ-ology

Someone in your house have the sniffles? Watch out for the refrigerator door handle and the TV remote. A new study found that cold sufferers often leave their germs there, where they can live for two days or longer.

Results of a cold germ study, done by scientists at the University of Virginia and sponsored by Reckitt-Benckiser Inc., makers of Lysol, were reported last week at a conference on infectious diseases.

Researchers contaminated surfaces with the adults' mucus to see if the virus stuck to their fingers when they turned on lights, answered phones and did other tasks. More than half got the virus on their fingertips 48 hours after the mucus was smeared.

For the study, sixteen adults who tested positive for rhinovirus, which causes about half of all colds, were asked to name 10 places in their homes they had touched in the last 18 hours. Researchers found germs on:

3 of 3
salt and pepper shakers

8 of 14
refrigerator handles

6 of 18
doorknobs

3 of 13
light switches

6 of 10
remote controls

8 of 10
bathroom faucets

4 of 7
phones

3 of 4
dishwasher handles **AP**

By Leonor Vivanco
REDEYE

Qiana Rice, 31, said she keeps a stash of cod liver oil pills, a box of tissues and Vicks vapor rub at her desk to keep away colds going around her downtown office.

If she gets sick, which she says is rare, she starts her routine: vegetable soup or broth, pomegranate juice for vitamin C, at least three cups of sugar-free tea and a clove of garlic.

"For some reason, to me, that makes me feel better. It seems like it works faster," said Rice, who works as an analyst for Chicago Public Schools and lives in Woodlawn.

She points to her grandmother, who takes a spoonful of cod liver oil and eats a garlic clove daily, as proof that those remedies help fight illnesses. "I have never seen her sick," she said.

Now that temperatures are falling, more cold-causing viruses are in the air. Those 200-plus viruses, combined with the start of flu season, means you may be feeling under the weather soon. Americans suffer 1 billion colds each year, with adults averaging two to four colds a year, according to the National Institutes of Health. As more people stay indoors to escape the cold weather, colds can easily be spread around the office. Adding to the problem: not everyone stays home when they're sick. For example, 69 percent of adults said they went into work knowing they were sick, mainly because they had a full workload with deadlines, according to a poll released recently by Puffs Plus with a Scent of Vicks.

Once stricken with a cold, many people often rely on their own remedies. But some doctors question their effectiveness.

"Everyone seems to have their own home remedies, and some people think they're helping. It is true the cold is going to go away on its own in five to 10 days," said Dr. Renee Scola, an internal medicine physician at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. There's no cure for a cold, doctors say. But there are ways to prevent one by practicing good hygiene—especially washing your hands often—avoiding close contact with sick people, and staying healthy with enough rest, a good diet and exercise.

And there are things you can do to alleviate cold symptoms.

"Certainly the traditional things ... [getting] rest, [drinking] fluids, eating right, taking medicine for some of the symptoms—cough suppressants and decongestants—that's all going to help people feel less miserable. It's going to help their symptoms," she said, but not cure the cold.

Over-the-counter cold remedies, which have some side effects, aren't going to prevent or shorten your cold either.

But that doesn't stop Americans from trying.

Sales of over-the-counter cough and throat remedies at supermarkets, drug stores and convenience stores totaled \$755 million in 2007, according to Mintel, a Chicago-based market research company.

For relief that won't hurt your wallet, try inhaling hot steam to loosen nasal congestion, or gargling with saltwater to help heal a sore throat and flush out mucus, Scola said.

And don't bother calling your doctor for an antibiotic. It won't help, because a cold is caused by a virus. LVIVANCO@TRIBUNE.COM



Chicken soup may have some benefits, though. It “is part of hydration and helping restore some of your electrolytes. It doesn’t hurt you,” she said.

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There's no escaping the Obama love

Chicago Tribune

Giao Nguyen has tried his best to escape Obama-mania.

Since Wednesday morning, Nguyen, who voted for John McCain, has managed to avoid newspapers and TV newscasts proclaiming the painful truth: Barack Obama will be the nation's next president.

But on the streets of Chicago, he has found nowhere to hide. Walking downtown, he noticed the banners congratulating Obama outside City Hall. Sitting on the bus, he witnessed a man wearing an Obama cap, an Obama watch and his ticket to the Obama rally pinned to his sweat shirt.

"Where can I find a place that is Obama-free for just a short period of time?" wondered Nguyen, a Vietnam native. "I fully appreciate the fact that he won and there deserves to be some degree of celebration, but there is such a thing as too much."

It might be hard to tell amid the euphoria that followed Tuesday's election of the country's first black president, but there's still a sizable portion of America—about 46 percent—that isn't sharing the love for Obama.

For disappointed McCain supporters, there has been little refuge from the revelry. It's been a particularly bitter pill to swallow in Chicago, where one McCain supporter and die-hard Cubs fan compared the painful spectacle to when the White Sox won the 2005 World Series.

"There's only so much I can deal with, especially being from Chicago," said Jonathan Hirsch, 34, of Barrington. "It's a non-stop Obama love fest."

A few McCain supporters say they are just burned out on politics in general. Nursing his beer at the Gilmer Road House near Mundelein, construction worker Scott Gillman, 24, said he found some solace in the fact that campaign ads are finally over.

"At least we're back to the Viagra and car ads," he said.

Others are trying to come to terms with an Obama administration. Hirsch said he contemplated moving to Canada, but decided against it. His advice to the 52.5 percent of Americans who voted for Obama?

"He's president. Great," Hirsch said. "Let's get over it and get on with our lives."



President-elect Obama and his wife, Michelle, leave Spiaggia after dining there Saturday night. AP PHOTO

A very special dinner

Obamas enjoy meal at Spiaggia, crowd enjoys watching them leave

Chicago Tribune

President-elect Obama and his wife, Michelle, spent three hours at Spiaggia on Saturday night, their first dinner together since the election victory.

The four-star destination seems to be among their favorite spots for special occasions. That's where they spent their anniversary on Oct. 3 and Michelle Obama's birthday earlier this year.

"Yes, I can say they did dine here," said the woman who picked up the phone at the posh Italian restaurant on Sunday afternoon. "But other than that, we will not make any comment."

The Obamas left Spiaggia about 11 p.m. Saturday, according to a pool reporter. Dressed in a dark suit and white shirt, Obama waved to an ecstatic crowd gathered across the street—which caused some watchers to cheer and hug each other, the pool reporter reported.

Michelle Obama, wearing an elegant black knee-length jacket and tall black boots, held her coat closed as she walked to the waiting

SUV. The crowd continued to rejoice as the motorcade pulled off.

In the "Monkey See" blog on the National Public Radio Web site, restaurant critic Todd Kliman recently described Obama's eclectic culinary tastes:

"In 'The Audacity of Hope,' Obama writes lovingly about MacArthur's, a well-worn soul food spot on Chicago's Northwest Side where a plate of chicken and mac 'n' cheese costs just \$7.50 and where ex-inmates in need of a second chance are members of the staff. ...

"The candidate made no attempt, however, to hide his anniversary dinner plans this past October. Obama and his wife, Michelle, celebrated at Spiaggia, the luxe Italian restaurant with a commanding view of Lake Michigan that Esquire food critic John Mariani has called one of the top destinations for Italian cooking in the country."

After the latest expedition to Spaggia, the Obama motorcade took Lake Shore Drive to the couple's home in Hyde Park, where it arrived at 11:18 p.m.

Twitterers say

Spiaggia is good, if you like fancy Italian food. RedEye definitely does, but we wanted to know where else you think the Obamas should dine. Here are some of your responses. Taste the RedEye Twitter experience at twitter.com/redeyechicago.



wordske leon's barbbq it's a Chicago must....

mdoherty83 I say the Obama's should go to Pizzeria Uno/Due nothin like good Chicago Stlye Deep Dish, not much of that over in D.C.

neosoul I would suggest Lucky Strike. They have great food and the family could get a couple of games of bowling in!

sam_ash my house

timstate The Full Moon Family Restaurant in North Chicago. It's a truck stop, but the neon makes it family-oriented.

Hearing in Hudson case

The man police have called a suspect in the murder of actress Jennifer Hudson's family finds out Monday whether he'll remain in prison for violating his parole or go free while investigators continue to investigate the triple slaying.

William Balfour, 27, was on parole for a 1999 attempted murder conviction when linked to the Oct. 24 murders of his estranged wife's brother, mother and 7-year-old son. He has not been charged in the case, but his parole was revoked and

he was returned to prison after 48 hours of questioning by Chicago detectives.

Balfour, who is married to the Oscar-winning actress' sister, Julia Hudson, has been held at Stateville Correctional Center near Joliet since Oct. 26.

At 9 a.m. Monday he will have a hearing at Stateville before the Illinois Prisoner Review Board, which will determine whether evidence in the case constitutes a violation of Balfour's parole for the 1999 conviction, state officials said.

A state investigator will present evidence to the board at the preliminary hearing, which Balfour will have a chance to rebut before a decision is made, said Kenneth Tupy, attorney for the review board. If the board finds probable cause to believe Balfour has committed a crime, or violated his parole in some other manner, he'll be held for further hearings.

If the board finds that Balfour has not violated his parole, he could be set free Monday.



Many Metra passengers, such as Kim Haniszewski, 35, of Hanover Park, like to sit in the same seat every day—or at least the same car—during their morning commute. “You’d think we were 16,” she says.

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Hey, that's my favorite seat!

Even before the 7:42 a.m. train pulls up to the Metra station, Greg St. George and other commuters start inching toward the precise spots where they hope, perhaps even pray, the doors to their favorite cars will open.

When trying to snag a coveted seat on the increasingly crowded Milwaukee District West line, every edge matters.

“It becomes an art form,” said St. George, an information technology director from Bartlett. “I’ve never seen any actual fight break out, but you do see people giving dirty looks if they feel you got in front of them somehow.”

The tough economy and roller-coaster gas prices have led to record numbers squeezing onto Metra trains and given a whole new meaning to “survival of the fittest.”

“People get territorial,” St. George said before bolting up the steps in the second-from-last car. “We’re related more to the animals than we tend to admit.”

Veteran commuters are nothing if not creatures of habit. Morning after morning, many gravitate without fail to the same car, the same side of the train,

even the same seat. Some care most about noise. (Chatty passengers are their bane.) Others rate comfort, view, even seat color as priorities. (Apparently, there’s no comparing blue vinyl with red.)

Now these folks are finding more competition than ever.

Kim Haniszewski of Hanover Park said she and two friends get just plain angry if someone dares lay claim to the first two seats on the right in their regular car bound for Union Station.

Although Haniszewski doesn’t say anything, she said she sure thinks it: Don’t you know we sit here every day? What are you doing?

Laughing, she quickly added, “You’d think we were 16.”

The fact that seasoned commuters usually don’t complain publicly doesn’t mean they don’t take note if someone robs the seat of another regular.

“She’s always here,” Bob Riley said, pointing to Kristine Thomas, whom he had never formally met despite sharing a reverse commute for eight months on the Milwaukee District West train.

“Always,” Thomas answered, her first exchange with the man who always sits diagonal to her.

Amtrak death ruled an accident

Officials on Sunday called the death of a 48-year-old woman who was struck by an Amtrak train Saturday near the Edgebrook Metra station on the Northwest Side an accident. The woman was identified as Joyce Chiriboga, of the 7700 block of West Rascher Avenue, according to a Cook County medical examiner’s office spokesman.

Man dies in crash

A 30-year-old man died when he lost control of his vehicle Sunday and crashed into a fence, police said. Ivan Guzman was heading east on West 55th Street near South St. Louis Avenue when he lost control on railroad tracks, police said. Guzman, of the 5100 block of South Lawndale Avenue, was ejected from the vehicle.

Police shoot 2 men

An armed man was shot and killed by police Saturday hours before a second man was wounded by officers in separate incidents on the South Side, a Chicago police spokesman said. About 8:40 p.m. Saturday, an officer killed an armed man who confronted the officer in Bronzeville, authorities said. The second shooting was about 12:45 a.m. Sunday in Woodlawn, police said.

More charges in acid attack

Four more people have been charged in connection with a July attack in which sulfuric acid was thrown in a woman’s face during a robbery in Logan Square, police said Sunday. The four suspects—three adults and a 16-year-old boy—were charged with armed robbery and heinous battery in connection with the July 28 attack in which a 48-year-old woman suffered burns on a quarter of her body, police said.

4 rescued from fire

Chicago firefighters rescued four people after a fire swept through an apartment building Sunday morning in Rogers Park. The blaze broke out shortly before 5:45 a.m. in a three-story building in the 7500 block of North Ridge Boulevard. Using ladders, firefighters helped the residents down and took them to St. Francis Hospital in Evanston to be treated for smoke inhalation, officials said.

DIGIT

500

Police officials said Saturday that they hope to keep the number of homicides this year to less than 500. On Friday, Chicago Police released crime statistics that show there were 441 homicides in the city as of Oct. 31—just shy of the 443 for all of 2007.

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The Twitter vote

We asked RedEye’s followers about their favorite seats on buses and trains.



Makaba My favorite seat on the bus is in the back, the first row, up the stairs, by the door... I don’t have to step on as many people ...

RandomNickname I’m lucky if I get to have any seat on the L on the way into work. Favorite seats are an unattainable luxury ...

Liz318 I always go for the same seat—back of the bus facing the aisle. Easy exit & I get claustrophobic if I get the inside seat.

Sithiche I’ve ridden public transit all my life (still don’t drive, refuse to) and I’ve never cared where I sat.

amyjfisher I love the back of the bus, it’s out of people’s way and it’s usually the warmest spot. The front of the bus drives me nuts.

1 Hurricane strikes

A ferocious Hurricane Paloma roared ashore near Camaguey, Cuba, on Sunday, downing power lines, flooding the coast and forcing hundreds of thousands of people to evacuate on an island still recovering from two other devastating storms.

2 Gay marriage protests

Thousands of protesters took to the streets of San Diego on Saturday to protest passage of a measure banning gay marriage, authorities said. The event lasted about 90 minutes and was peaceful, with no arrests.

3 Space station renovation

The international space station is about to get all the comforts of a modern, high-end, "green" home: a fancy recycling water filter, a new fridge, extra bedrooms, workout equipment and the essential half-bath. Space shuttle Endeavour is expected to launch Friday.

4 Journalist describes ordeal

Mellissa Fung says captors kept her blindfolded for four weeks in an underground cave so low the Canadian journalist could barely stand. Afghan tribal elders and government officials won her safe release late Saturday, 28 days after she was taken from a refugee camp in Kabul while conducting interviews for the Canadian Broadcasting Corp.

Wealth care

America's government isn't the only one handing out checks. China unveiled a \$586 billion stimulus package Sunday in its biggest move to inoculate the world's fourth-largest economy against the global financial crisis.

9% Zero

China's economic growth in the third quarter, the lowest level in five years. Where some analysts believe China's growth in exports could fall, down from more than 20 percent annually.

\$275 billion: Amount Japan allotted for loans to small and midsize businesses and discounts on highway tolls, among other measures.



Rescuers help a victim escape the rubble of a school that collapsed Friday in Haiti. AP

ANGER BUILDS AT RESCUE EFFORT

5 PETIONVILLE, Haiti Emergency crews picked through the rubble of a collapsed school in Haiti on Sunday as an angry crowd demanded they be allowed to help search for victims of a disaster that killed at least 88 people.

Onlookers in this poor Port-au-Prince suburb cheered a group of men who slipped past police barriers and started chipping away at a hanging concrete slab before riot officers chased them away.

"We don't need money to do the work!" many chanted, angry over rumors that rescuers were working slowly to inflate their wages.

"Everybody is frustrated. We smell the bodies," said 25-year-old Emmane Petitehomme. "If they don't do something quickly, we may have to leave here for a few days."

Fortin Augustin, the preacher who owns and built College La Promesse, was arrested

late Saturday and charged with involuntary manslaughter, police spokesman Garry Desrosier said. Meanwhile, U.S. rescuers searched for survivors of Friday's collapse of the three-story building, which normally holds 500 students and teachers.

On Saturday, in a rare moment of joy, Haitian rescuers pulled four children alive from the rubble and cradled them in their arms as they ran toward ambulances, U.N. police spokesman Andre Leclerc said.

Obama plans to break with Bush policies

6 WASHINGTON President-elect Obama plans to use his executive powers to make an immediate impact when he takes office, perhaps reversing Bush administration policies on stem cell research and domestic drilling for oil and natural gas.

John Podesta, Obama's transition chief, said Sunday Obama is reviewing President Bush's executive orders on those issues and others as he works to undo policies enacted during eight years of Republican rule. He said the president can use

such orders to move quickly on his own.

"I think that he feels like he has a real mandate for change," Podesta said. "We need to get off the course that the Bush administration has set."

Podesta also said Obama is working to build a diverse Cabinet. That includes reaching out to Republicans and independents—part of the broad coalition that supported Obama during the race against Republican John McCain. Defense Secretary Robert Gates has been mentioned as a possible holdover.



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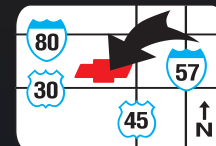
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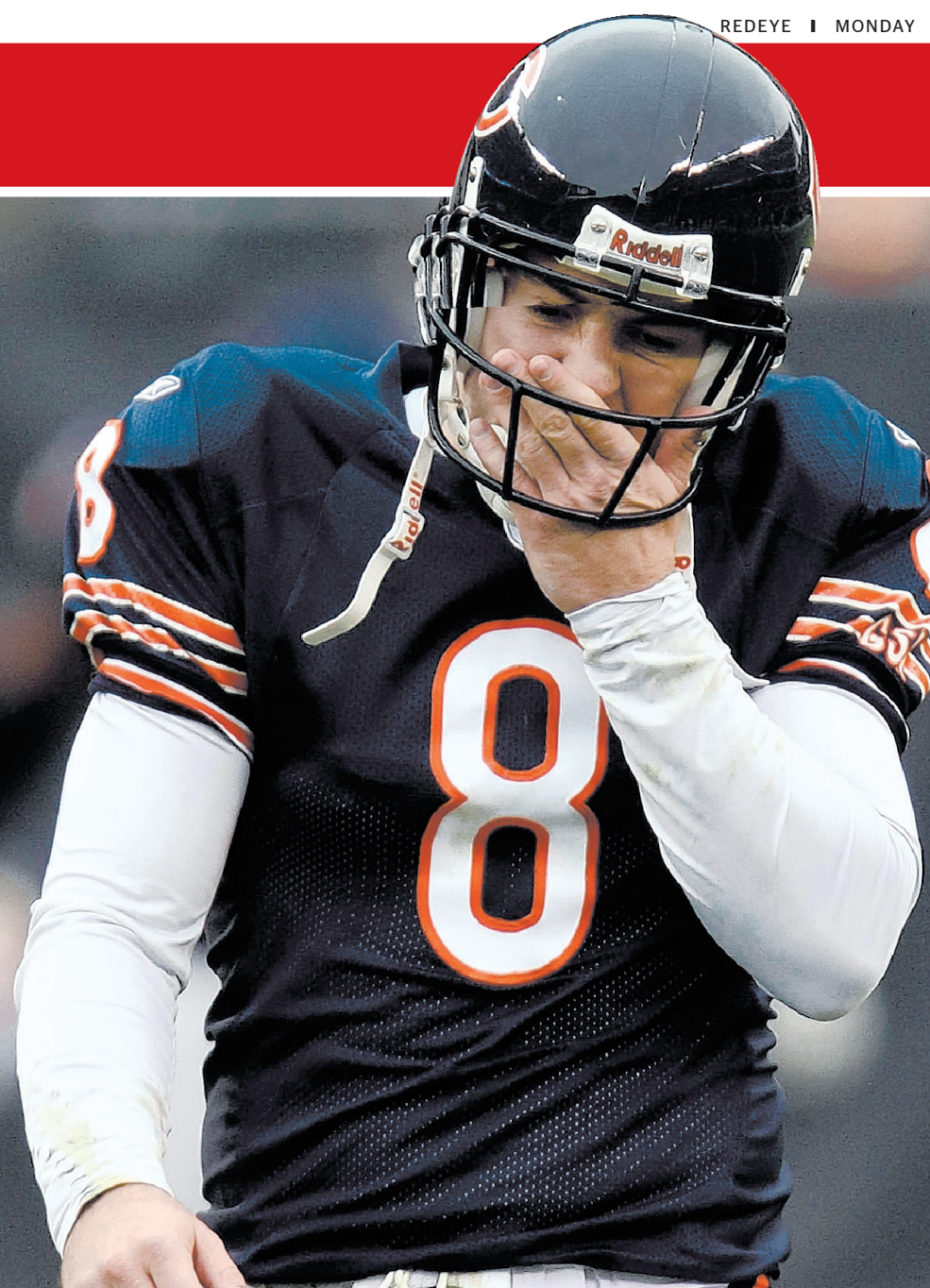
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BEARS LOSE BATTLE OF FIELD POSITION, FALL INTO FIRST-PLACE TIE



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As much as Brad Maynard wanted to block it out of his mind, the reality of punting deep in his own territory all day eventually took a toll.

"Yeah, I think I was kicking from down there every single time," Maynard said. "And I felt like there wasn't much I could do about it. I did the best I could. Mentally, it drains you."

As a whole, the Bears felt the same way.

Had the field-position battle not been so lopsided in favor of Tennessee, the Bears might have had a better chance to knock off

**TITANS 21,
BEARS 14**

the league's only undefeated team Sunday. Instead the Bears' 21-14 loss at Soldier Field kept the 9-0 Titans streaking, and left the 5-4 Bears tied with Minnesota for the NFC North lead.

"Field position was huge today," linebacker Lance Briggs said. "We started off inside the 10 all game long. In a game like this, when you have two defenses playing well, field position is going to come into play."

Being backed up was the last scenario the Bears wanted for Rex Grossman, who started in place of the injured Kyle Orton. Grossman completed 20-of-37 passes for 173 yards and a

touchdown, but he was 6-for-16 for 20 yards on those eight drives in which the Bears were pinned deep.

"First of all, you need to try and at least flip the field for the defense and give the punter some room to get out," Grossman said. "Then you've got to be even more cautious with the ball because a turnover so deep is going to be a touchdown."

Grossman got off to a good start, engineering a 14-play, 75-yard drive in the first quarter that ended with a 5-yard touchdown pass to rookie Matt Forte.

Titans quarterback Kerry Collins hadn't

passed for 200 yards in a game all season, but he found holes in a Bears defense geared to stop the run. He completed 30-of-41 passes for 289 yards and two touchdowns, the kind of performance the Titans needed with their potent running game held to a season-low 20 yards on 29 carries.

"I give the Bears a lot of credit—they put a lot of people in the box and stopped our run, and they did a great job of it," Collins said. "They forced us to throw the ball, but we were able to make the plays we needed to make."

Field position aside, the Bears still had a

Overheard on Twitter



We asked our followers: Who should take the blame for Sunday's Bears loss? Here are some responses. Play for RedEye at twitter.com/redeyechicago

jamesus
Defense looked soft again today...

JuicyKate
Gross-man!

achmorrison
Kyle Orton's doctor.

wkdown
Turnoversaurus Rex and calling the Cover 2 no matter what caused the Bears to lose a game they should have won



Rex Grossman was 20-of-37 passing for 173 yards in Chicago's loss to Tennessee on Sunday at Soldier Field.

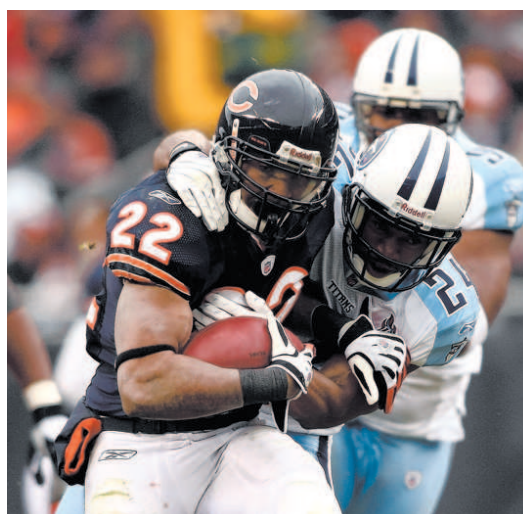
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chance to mount a fourth-quarter comeback despite trailing by 14. Utilizing a no-huddle attack, Grossman drove the offense 68 yards in seven plays, capping the drive with a 1-yard plunge for a touchdown.

But further heroics were not forthcoming. Grossman and the Bears stalled on their final drive, which started from the Titans' 41 with 3 minutes, 12 seconds remaining. Grossman completed a first-down pass to Greg Olsen for 9 yards, but Forte got stuffed for a 3-yard loss on second-and-1 and Grossman failed to complete third- and fourth-down passes to Marty Booker and Devin Hester, respectively.



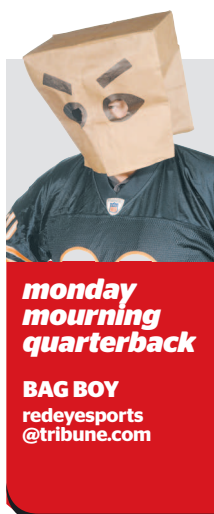
ABOVE: Tennessee's Chris Johnson goes airborne as he runs the ball against Chicago defenders Adewale Ogundimu (left) and Nick Roach.



LEFT: Chris Hope tries to tackle Chicago running back Matt Forte.

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Throwing the game



monday mourning quarterback

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Bears fans, you know the story I'm about to tell. I'm not sure if it was when Rex Grossman overthrew a wide-open Devin Hester or threw to a wide-open Chris Hope—of the Titans.

I reached for my trusty brick and chucked it at my TV but—whether it was a subconscious way to support Grossman or just a bad throw—it sailed high and put a hole right through my living room wall.

My TV—perhaps the ninth or 10th I've owned in the Grossman years—remains intact. Just like the Titans' undefeated season.

Guess I'll be able to watch a real Bear, Mike Singletary, coach the 49ers Monday on "Monday Night Football" after all. San Fran vs. Arizona. Battle royale. It just might put me to sleep. Like the Bears offense.

Kyle Orton, I hope you're back next week. I'm running out of bricks.

BACK TALK

Bears fans, time to get it off your chest. Should the Bears go back to Kyle Orton whether or not he is 100 percent ready? Send your comments to redehyesports@tribune.com. Or you can text "whiz" and your comment to 47383. Please include your name, age and neighborhood so we can give you credit.

First things first

1 Congrats to the Fire for advancing in the MLS playoffs late Thursday. Yeah, that's right. A soccer shoutout. It's a sport played with your feet, and I've got four. I like it.

T-Rex

2 The win was there for the taking Sunday, with the Bears D limiting the Titans to 21. Yet, Rex Grossman and the offense found a way to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory.

O, no

3 There's no reason for Bears fans to saddle Grossman with the blame for the loss. I'll do it for them. With Kyle Orton in that game, we win.

But ...

4 Of course, there's a reason the Titans are undefeated. They find ways to win. Cliche, but true.

Daunte's inferno

5 The Daunte Culpepper era in Detroit lasted ... three quarters? The QB was MIA as the Lions fell to 0-9. Drew Stanton was at QB. Yes, *the* Drew Stanton.

Bug off

6 The Miami Dolphins won with the help of a flea-flicker TD on Sunday. Fun football play to watch. Not fun when the flea-flicker is the game I'm playing in the doghouse.

They're a joke

7 In the span of four days, the Cavs' LeBron "King" James scored 82 against the Bulls. That makes them court jesters.

Poker faces

8 Two men vie for more than \$9 million in the World Series of Poker title match tonight. If only there were a World Series of Computer Solitaire, I'd be sooo money.

Sorry, 'Cats

9 Northwestern got clobbered by Ohio State on Saturday, 45-10. I feel bad for the Wildcats, yet satisfied Whizkers has no opportunity to gloat.

CAT CALL

Every dog has his day, and I'll let Whizzer enjoy this one. I might have to outsource my allegiances so I can have more teams to root for. For example, the Penn State Nittany Lions are undefea ... uh, check that. Touche, Whiz, touche.



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1 Describe Rex Grossman's play on Sunday.	Silverman-esque.	It's not going to make anyone forget Kyle Orton. Sweet mother of mercy, what did I just say?!	Change has not come to Rex Grossman.	Like watching a recent Duran Duran performance—not as good as they used to be.	I'd say it was one of his top three performances of the year.
2 If the Titans can do it with a backup QB, why can't the Bears?	Because the Bears don't have a backup. They have a beer league QB.	Because they haven't forgotten that they're defense first! Kyle has spoiled us.	Because Tennessee's backup doesn't take five dog years to get rid of the ball.	The Titans are an NFL team, the Bears are an Arena Football League team.	Rex didn't get a chance to face the Bears' pass defense. A sack would be nice!
3 What would be your World Series of Poker nickname?	The Royal Flusher.	The Unitarder.	McFoldy.	Mr. Courtesy Flush.	First pet name + street I grew up on = Henry Leamington. Oh ... you want my POKER name!
4 Tony Parker is out 4 weeks with an injury. How did his wife, Eva Longoria Parker, react?	She faxed a note to his rep saying how sorry she was.	She gently reminded him that, well, she didn't marry him for looks.	With repeated offers to get couples surgery.	She's already made a list of things he needs to move out of the garage.	Parker's injury? Evan Longoria's still trying to get over the Rays' World Series loss.
5 F1 teams have reduced costs by \$19 million. Imagine how they did it.	Why are there teams named after the key on the top left of my computer keyboard?	Wait, you can get \$19 million from your computer by hitting the F1 key?	I imagine they made their drivers start operating their cars like the Flintstones did.	Pit crew catering switching out champagne bottles for wine boxes.	They switched to regular unleaded. It's Formula One, who cares?



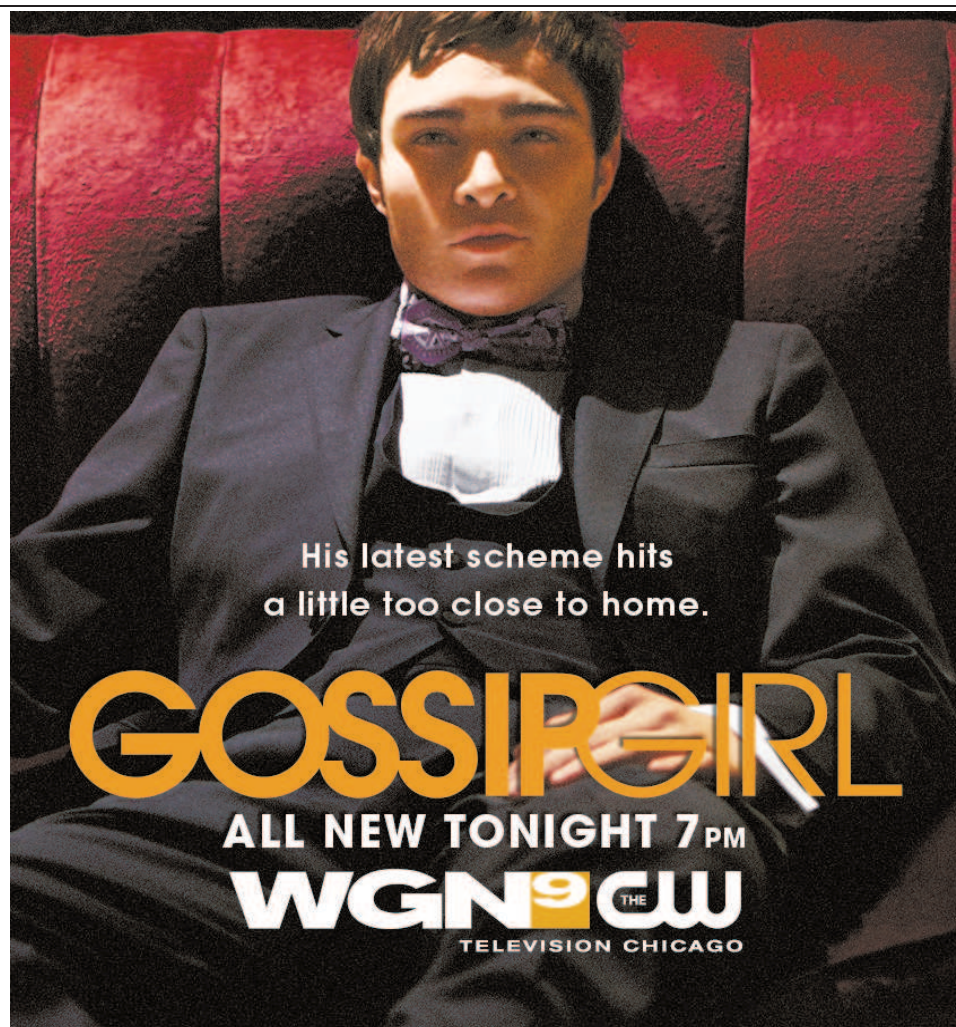
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Jacksonville's Maurice Jones-Drew (left) stiff-arms Paris Lenon as he runs the ball Sunday in the Jaguars' 38-14 victory at Detroit. GETTY IMAGES

NFC standings

North	W	L	T	PCT.	Week 10 scores
BEARS	5	4	0	.556	L, 21-14 vs. Tennessee
Minnesota	5	4	0	.556	W, 28-27 vs. Green Bay
Green Bay	4	5	0	.444	L, 28-27 at Minnesota
Detroit	0	9	0	.000	L, 38-14 vs. Jacksonville
South	W	L	T	PCT.	Week 10 scores
Carolina	7	2	0	.778	W, 17-6 at Oakland
Tampa Bay	6	3	0	.667	OFF
Atlanta	6	3	0	.667	W, 34-20 vs. N. Orleans
New Orleans	4	5	0	.444	L, 34-20 at Atlanta
East	W	L	T	PCT.	Week 10 scores
N.Y. Giants	8	1	0	.889	W, 36-31 at Philadelphia
Washington	6	3	0	.667	OFF
Philadelphia	5	4	0	.556	L, 36-31 vs. NYG
Dallas	5	4	0	.556	OFF
West	W	L	T	PCT.	Week 10 scores
Arizona	5	3	0	.625	Mon. vs. San Francisco
San Francisco	2	6	0	.250	Mon. at Arizona
St. Louis	2	7	0	.222	L, 47-3 at NYJ
Seattle	2	7	0	.222	L, 21-19 at Miami

AFC standings

North	W	L	T	PCT.	Week 10 scores
Pittsburgh	6	3	0	.667	L, 24-20 vs. Indianapolis
Baltimore	6	3	0	.667	W, 41-13 at Houston
Cleveland	3	6	0	.333	L, 34-30 vs. Denver
Cincinnati	1	8	0	.111	OFF
South	W	L	T	PCT.	Week 10 scores
Tennessee	9	0	0	1.000	W, 21-14 at BEARS
Indianapolis	5	4	0	.556	W, 24-20 at Pittsburgh
Jacksonville	4	5	0	.444	W, 38-14 at Detroit
Houston	3	6	0	.333	L, 41-13 vs. Baltimore
East	W	L	T	PCT.	Week 10 scores
New England	6	3	0	.667	W, 20-10 vs. Buffalo
N.Y. Jets	6	3	0	.667	W, 47-3 vs. St. Louis
Miami	5	4	0	.556	W, 21-19 vs. Seattle
Buffalo	5	4	0	.556	L, 20-10 at New England
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STUD OF THE WEEK Thomas Jones

The ex-Bear and current Jets running back rushed for 149 yards and three touchdowns in New York's thumping of the St. Louis Rams, 47-3.

DUD OF THE WEEK Daunte Culpepper



terbacks. Culpepper, in his first start, completed five passes for 104 yards and an interception and didn't even finish the Lions' 38-14 loss to the Jaguars.

THUD OF THE WEEK

It was all-around ugly in Detroit. Jags receiver Matt Jones injured his thigh and left the game in the third quarter. Jones had a team-high five receptions for 62 yards Sunday when he was sidelined.

Detroit's new quarterback looked a lot like the Lions' old quar-

HOMETOWN HITS



WOLVES 3, MANCHESTER 2

The Wolves tied the game with 32 seconds left in regulation and went on to win their fourth straight with a 3-2 shootout victory over the Manchester Monarchs at the Verizon Wireless Arena on Sunday. Wolves goalie Robert Gherson stopped 30 of 32 shots in the game and all four Monarchs attempts in the shootout.



ILLINOIS 62, LEWIS 56

Mike Davis scored 18 points off the bench and Demetri McCamey added 16 to lead Illinois to a 62-56 victory over Lewis in exhibition play. Illinois opens regular-season play Friday at home against Eastern Washington.



NO. 9 NOTRE DAME 79, STONEHILL 47

Luke Harangody had 21 points and 10 rebounds and Tory Jackson added 15 points to lead ninth-ranked Notre Dame to a 79-47 win Sunday over Stonehill in the Irish's final exhibition game.

HIT AND RUN

TENNIS

Venus wins in finale

Venus Williams rallied to win the WTA's Sony Ericsson Championships for the first time, defeating Vera Zvonareva 6-7 (5), 6-0, 6-2 on Sunday at the season-ending event. Williams won \$1.34 million at the event, which for the first time offered the same prize money as the men at the ATP's season-ending Masters Cup.



Johnson

NASCAR
JJ closes
in on title

Jimmie Johnson moved inches away from his record-tying third consecutive NASCAR championship with a dominating

victory Sunday at Phoenix International Raceway. Johnson heads to next week's season finale needing to finish 35th or better to clinch the title.

COPS AND JOCKS

Athletes can't seem to stay out of trouble, and we can't seem to look away.

Dragovic released

UCLA junior forward Nikola Dragovic was released on bail Saturday, a day after being arrested on suspicion of pushing his former live-in girlfriend during a dispute. Dragovic, 20, of Belgrade, Serbia, was taken into custody and booked on suspicion of misdemeanor battery. He was released after posting \$20,000 bail, L.A. County Sheriff's Department records showed.



Calgary's Dion Phaneuf collides with Chicago's Martin Havlat, who had a goal and two assists, in the first period Sunday. AP PHOTO

BLACKHAWKS 6, FLAMES 1

'Hawks snuff Flames

Patrick Kane and Martin Havlat each had a goal and two assists and the Blackhawks beat the Calgary Flames 6-1 on Sunday night for their fourth straight victory.

Kris Versteeg and Jonathan Toews each added a goal and an assist for the Blackhawks, 6-0-2 at home. Aaron Johnson and Troy Brouwer also scored for the Blackhawks (7-3-3), off to their best start since 2001-02—the last time the team made the playoffs.

Toews' goal was his first in 13 games this season. He had 24 goals and 30 assists last season in 64 games as a rookie.

Blackhawks goalie Cristobal Huet made 22 saves, allowing only Dustin Boyd's second-period goal. Miikka Kiprusoff stopped 21 shots for Calgary,

BLACKHAWKS HITS

Blackhawks D Brent Sopel sat out the game because of an undisclosed injury.

» Linesman Andy McElman was struck by a puck late in the third period, but remained in the game after being attended to by Blackhawks trainer Mike Gapski.

which lost its second straight game and fourth in its last five.

Havlat's power-play goal midway through the first period opened the scoring.

Johnson scored on a screened drive from the left point with just under a minute left in the first to make it 2-0.

Kane's goal midway through the second made it 3-0. He lifted in a shot from the right side of the net after taking Havlat's backhand pass from across the crease.

Toews' shot from the slot trickled in between Kiprusoff's pads 54 second into the third. Kris Versteeg ripped in a screened shot from the slot at 1:22. Brouwer's power-play goal with 4:09 left in the third completed the scoring.



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Bear weather. Yeah, right.

I know some doofus out there probably thought the Bears would have an advantage against the Titans if it were cold, windy and maybe even snowing a bit. Fail.

The only Bear weather is if the NFL would spot us 14 points.

Here now, my TV picks.



NFL
San Francisco
at Arizona

7:30 p.m. ESPN I cannot wait—cannot WAIT—for Mike Singletary (above) to blow up on the sideline as the 49ers get crushed by the Cards. He just might eat somebody.

NHL
Tampa Bay
at Washington

6 p.m. Versus So, as president-elect, does Barack Obama root for the Capitals now? Or does he stick with the hometown Blackhawks?

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Drink local!

Midwest breweries are going the distance so you don't have to

By M. Kathleen Pratt

The arguments for drinking local aren't that different than the song we've been hearing for a few years about eating local: You're supporting Midwest businesses, cutting down on energy consumption and minimizing environmental impact. And if none of those points sway you, here's a tough one to argue with: Locally brewed beer is just fresher.

Still don't think you can give up your favorite import? You might be surprised. Lots of breweries within 200 miles or less of Chicago are expanding their offerings, experimenting with styles you once had to travel to Europe to try. Here's a run-down of what we reach for when we need a local stand-in for an import we once thought we never could live without.



Import

Samuel Smith's Oatmeal Stout

Samuel Smith's Old Brewery, Tadcaster, U.K.

Distance from Chicago: 3,831 miles



Duvel

Duvel Moortgat Brewery, Breendonk-Puurs, Belgium

Distance from Chicago: 4,131 miles



Skull Splitter

Orkney Brewery, Orkney, U.K.

Distance from Chicago: 3,630 miles



Saison Dupont

Brasserie Dupont, Tourpes-Leuze, Belgium

Distance from Chicago: 4,122 miles



Aecht Schlenkerla Helles Lagerbier

Heller Brewery, Bamberg, Germany

Distance from Chicago: 4,416 miles



Hitachino Espresso Stout

Kiuchi Brewery, Naka, Japan

Distance from Chicago: 6,542 miles



Local solution

The Poet Oatmeal Stout

New Holland Brewing, Holland, Mich.

Distance from Chicago: 102 miles
Find it at: Quenchers Saloon (2401 N. Western Ave. 773-276-9730)



Matilda

Goose Island Beer Company, Chicago

Distance from Chicago: 0 miles
Find it at: Goose Island Brew Pub (1800 N. Clybourn Ave. 312-915-0071)



Scotty Karate Scotch Ale

Dark Horse Brewing Company, Marshall, Mich.

Distance from Chicago: 141 miles
Find it at: Sam's Wine & Spirits (1720 N. Marcey St. 312-664-4394)



Bam Biere

Jolly Pumpkin Artisan Ales, Dexter, Mich.

Distance from Chicago: 196 miles
Find it at: The Publican (837 W. Fulton Market. 312-733-9555)



Gorch Fock

Three Floyds Brewing Co., Munster, Ind.

Distance from Chicago: 21 miles
Find it at: The Local Option (1102 W. Webster Ave. 773-348-2008)



Founders Breakfast Stout

Founders Brewing, Grand Rapids, Mich.

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Stickup

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Love watching hockey games but need a leg-up when it comes to the lingo? Chicago Blackhawks defenseman James "Wiz" Wisniewski can help. At his **Chicks 'n' Sticks** class, which doubles as a fundraiser for Chicago Blackhawk Charities, you learn what "power plays," "flip passes" and other hockey moves are, plus common strategies and lingo. In addition to your newfound knowledge, admission gets you appetizers and a chance to win T-shirts from Wisniewski's Wiz Wear clothing line. 6 p.m. \$20.

March forth

Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, 301 E. North Water St. 312-596-4721.

Culinary options abound at the **Chicago Signature Chefs Auction** to benefit March of Dimes. Sample cuisine by more than 25 local chefs, such as filet mignon sandwiches by Hans Aeschbacher (Smith & Wollensky) and spinach and taleggio cheese crepes by Gabriel Viti (Gabriel's Restaurant). Includes an open bar and the chance to bid on auction items, including a "take home a chef" dinner party package. 5 p.m. \$200. Tickets: tinytastings.com

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Cold comfort

Cafe Matou, 1846 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-384-8911.

Need help dealing with the cold snap? Try a warm meal at a cozy French bistro. Our pick: **Cafe Matou's Bordeaux Wine Dinner**, a five-course autumn meal from chef Charlie Socher with food and wine pairings from the French region. Menu standouts include roast leg of lamb with spiced herb jus and 1998 Chateau Tayac Margaux. 7 p.m. \$79 includes tax and tip. Reservations required.

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Local talent

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**Singer/guitarist Craig Finn
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**The Hold Steady
learns it's OK
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Party people

Associated Press

A music fan recently approached Craig Finn, lead singer of The Hold Steady, with an observation. He'd seen about 40 bands perform over the previous year, and only members of Finn's band and Drive-By Truckers were seen smiling onstage.

Finn smiled at the notion.

Let's see. Singing and bashing around on guitars while an adoring audience cheers your every move—how could that not be a good time? Can you really hold a frown all night?

The Hold Steady isn't just a party band. But they seem one of the few to bridge the gap between an angst-ridden indie scene. By little coincidence, The Hold Steady has just launched a long concert tour with Drive-By Truckers.

Finn has noticed the serious faces too.

"Maybe it's something we never got back to after grunge," he said. "Also, a lot of indie rock seems to place a premium on irony. I

think being honest and uncontrived helps bring people back to the notion of fun in rock 'n' roll."

Now 37, Finn has been part of different music scenes. He has the perspective, and receding hairline, that a few years bring.

He and guitarist Tad Kubler played together during the 1990s in Lifter Puller, an indie band from Minneapolis that ran its course. They both moved

to New York, Kubler to work in photography and Finn to try his hand as a writer.

Music still had its appeal, so Finn and Kubler decided to start a rock band. When The Hold Steady played its first show in January 2003, Finn was surprised at how many people came.

It was an introduction to the power of the Internet, since many people were Lifter Puller fans curious to see what the two were up to.

The Hold Steady has the driving rock

sound of a band schooled in punk. Yet it's more atmospheric than a generic punk song, with piano breaks weaving between the guitars.

Crossing a divide between music scenes was very much a part of The Hold Steady's plan.

"We wanted this band to be as inclusive as possible, in terms of our audience," he said. "That said, it took us a while to develop the confidence and ability to make a bigger and better record, which could also be more populist."

The Hold Steady has built an audience primarily through energetic live shows that leave fans feeling part of a community. Maxim magazine calls them "the best band in America."

Finn said he's better able to realize what matters and what doesn't than he might have if The Hold Steady's success came when he was a dozen years or so younger. He's been able to enjoy the places he's been able to go with the band.

"It has allowed me to have logical and realistic expectations and goals," he said.

The Hold Steady with Drive-By Truckers

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Resource & Policy Analyst	UIC	Chicago	CB313572
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Mfg/Machining Positions	MONARCH TECHNICAL SERVICES	Rolling Meadows	CB318242
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Punch Press Set-Up Tech	JD NORMAN INDUSTRIES	Addison	CB318547

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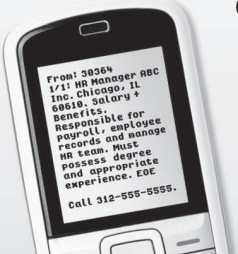
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RN Opportunities	EXTENDED CARE CLINICAL, LLC	Various	CB313522
RN's & LPN's	HOME HEALTH AGENCY	Chicagoland	CB316667
RN-MDS Coordinator	SNF	Oak Park	CB312077
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Disability Aides	GOLFVIEW DEVELOP. CENTER	Des Plaines	CB310751
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Savings in the **bag**

Here's how to cart home great grocery deals

Los Angeles Times

Teri Gault stops in her tracks in her grocery store's personal care aisle when she learns that someone has never heard of a BOGO.

"How about peelies or blinkies?" she asks, with disbelief. "Catalinas?" A look of urgency passes across her face: "You don't throw your Catalinas away, do you?"

Gault is the creator of the Grocery Game (thegrocerygame.com), an online service that helps members navigate the world of supermarket sales. Although hers is just one of several Web sites that promise to help slash grocery costs, Gault has such a faithful following that she can charge for her services (minimum fee is about \$5 a month).

And fee notwithstanding, business is booming. Members in 50 states can now tap into lists of bargains at supermarkets in their ZIP codes as well as in France, Germany and Great Britain. This year alone, membership has grown from 100,000 to more than 150,000 households.

Web traffic has jumped 59 percent since last year, according to hitwise.com, an Internet research and tracking company. And Gault has a book due out in January on how to save money by cutting household expenses.

"I don't enjoy the fact that I'm benefiting because people are hurting," Gault said. "But it makes me happy that I'm helping people save money."

Indeed. It's hard to imagine anyone who enjoys supermarket shopping, or spreading the word about saving money, more than Gault.

Couponing, it turns out, goes beyond

those colorful strips in the Sunday newspaper—although those are key. There are also blinkies, the blinking machines in the supermarket aisles that spit out coupons. Peelies can be pulled off the side of a product for redemption at the register. Catalinas, which are named after the company that manufactures them, are the coupons that are handed over with your receipt.

And a BOGO ... well, a BOGO means you had best get down to the supermarket to take advantage of that "buy one get one free" offer before everyone else beats you to it.

Just as important as having a coupon is knowing when to use it. And this is what elevates coupon clipping from a hobby to an art form, Gault says.

Supermarkets typically cycle their rock-bottom sales every 10 to 15 weeks across a variety of products. Gault's team of more than 60 employees tracks these cycles along with advertised and unadvertised sales. Then, each week, they recommend when to hold tight to those coupons—and when to slap 'em down at the checkout stand.

When she's finished explaining these basics, Gault shakes her head as though she's just a little bit sad. So many people just throwing away their money. So little time to persuade them to start saving it instead.

That attitude explains why Gault has no problem stopping people in the supermarket and passing along her unsolicited words of wisdom and outlining her disciplined approach to shopping.

Rule No. 1: Only buy items on sale.

Rule No. 2: Stock up when items are on sale. (Perishables like meats and breads go into the freezer.)

Rule No. 3: Don't just buy items because you have a coupon or it's on sale—only buy what you need and will use.

"It never, ever gets old," Gault says. "I love a bargain. I get a little bit of an endorphin rush when I even say that. That's weird, huh? I can just feel it when I'm almost done with my shopping, and I'm heading to the register. It's like Vegas."

Each Saturday afternoon, Gault's Web sites post exhaustive, color-coded lists about supermarket sales on everything from fresh produce to dish detergents to shaving cream. The lists direct members on where to find coupons—online, in the newspaper, store circulars, etc.—for even greater savings.

On a recent shopping foray, Gault pulled up to the checkout stand with a cart containing baby food, frozen meals, hair care products, vitamins, crunchy red apples and assorted other items. The total came to \$96.06.

"Now watch this—this is the best part," Gault said. With a dramatic swipe of her Ralphs store card, the total dropped to \$41.73. Then, she handed over a wad of coupons. Several swipes and bar code beeps later, the bill had plummeted to \$29.23.

Even the cashier was impressed. "You some kind of an expert?" she asked.

"I am the expert," Gault answered.





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Stretch your dollars

- » Use a disciplined approach to shopping. Try to buy only items on sale, and that includes fruits and produce too. Stock up on items on sale when possible.
- » Consider buying bread, particularly sandwich bread, off the sale rack. Most grocery stores slash prices when bread is near its "sell-by" date. But that "sell-by" date is just that—it doesn't mean the bread can't be eaten shortly after that date.
- » Start noticing prices—consider starting a price book. Many people don't pay attention to the way supermarket prices fluctuate. That awareness alone will help you detect rock-bottom prices, even if you never plan to clip a coupon. You'll also find out which stores can help you save money on the items you use most.
- » Brand names matter—some of the time. But comparison shop and consider switching brands when it makes financial sense.
- » Use coupons for items you frequently use. Look for them in store circulars, the Sunday newspaper or online. Also, visit supermarket home pages and produce Web sites—many offer coupons as well.
- » Coupon swap. Find a group of friends who also want to save money. **LOS ANGELES TIMES**

Shop like a pro: Tips for saving on everything

Associated Press

Paying full price for something? Not in these tough economic times. Here are some tips to finding the best bargains:

» **Buy offseason:** Purchase things like swimsuits and air conditioners in winter, and skis and winter coats in the summer, Helen Malani, online shopping expert for Shopzilla, said in an e-mail.

» **Limit errand running:** Not only does it save gas, by making fewer stops you're less likely to be tempted by impulse purchases, said Kim Danger, family savings expert for **coupons.com**.

» **Ask about discounts:** Many retailers have special discounts for working professionals, seniors and people who belong to certain organizations, said Ellen Davis, spokeswoman for the National Retail Federation. Ask at the register.

» **Keep the receipt:** If you go back and see an item you recently purchased on sale, you may be able to get a price adjustment, Danger said.

» **Sign up for rebates and rewards programs:** For free or at a minimal cost, you can get things like special discounts and cash back after spending a certain amount,

Danger said.

» **Clean out the closet:** There's nothing like purchasing something and realizing three months later you have the same item, said shopping expert Amy Blankenship Sewell.

» **Shop full price but buy on sale:** When you're considering purchasing something on sale, ask yourself if you would buy the item if it was full price, Sewell said. If the answer is no, consider passing.

» **Negotiate:** In upscale stores, a sale means the store wants to get rid of the item, said Jim Camp, author of "NO: The Only Negotiation System You Need for Work and Home." See if you can negotiate another markdown.

» **Give clearance a chance:** You may have to dig, but some items the store is practically giving away, said Karen Hoxmeier, founder and owner of **mybargainbuddy.com**.

» **Beware of the plastic:** You may save 10 percent when you sign up, but Sewell warns that studies show people buy more from a store when they have the retailer's credit card.

» **Shop secondhand:** You can find items for up to 90 percent off the original retail price.



Kim Danger, a family savings expert for **coupons.com**, compares coupons available on the Internet with those in newspapers and fliers at her home in Mankato, Minn. **AP**

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Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Venus still is in your sign, putting your libido to the test. If you're single, your hormones could be driving you crazy because you want constant sexual attention. If you're with someone, you could wear your lover out from all that sweaty activity.



Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Jupiter is bringing you good financial news. Despite the weird economy, your own career situation should be going well. Share some of the joy with your honey, whose luck might not be so good. Treat him or her to a gift or a nice evening out.



Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18

You could be collecting phone numbers right and left. A bouncy moon is making you social. You'll connect with people who could become future clients. Some of them might also become future lovers. It's always best to keep your options open.



Pisces
Feb. 19-March 20

You dream of some perfect prince or flawless princess sweeping you off your feet. Meanwhile, that great guy or fabulous girl might be trying to attract your attention. The moon says focus on what's in front of you before it disappears.



Aries
March 21-April 19

Chemistry is heating up with someone. Maybe you're discovering that your co-worker makes you angry but totally turns you on. Or perhaps you've learned that you still have deep lust for a former flame. Mercury says bring it on.



Taurus
April 20-May 20

Cozy Venus has you in a happy dating mood. You'll have fun

going out and doing things with your honey. Check out a movie with a lot of Oscar buzz around it. Have dinner at a new restaurant in your neighborhood. Do couples stuff.



Gemini
May 21-June 21

Work and money issues are totally bumming you out. Saturn isn't helping matters any. You could decide that it's time to find a sugar daddy. You want to be a rich housewife or a wealthy gigolo. Who are you kidding? It would never work.



Cancer
June 22-July 22

Don't expect your partner to be a mind reader. If you're unsatisfied in bed, take action. Tell your honey exactly what makes you crazy and ask him or her to do it to you repeatedly. Venus says take the initiative.



Leo
July 23-Aug. 22

It's time to tie up some loose ends. If you're still hung up on an ex, it isn't fair to start dating someone new. And if you still have unresolved issues related to child support, custody, or alimony, Saturn is advising you to get those things settled.



Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22

A sensual full moon has you focusing solely on physical pleasure. You want your partner to give you 24 hours of undivided attention. You won't settle for anything less. Fortunately, a sexy someone in your life will be happy to oblige.



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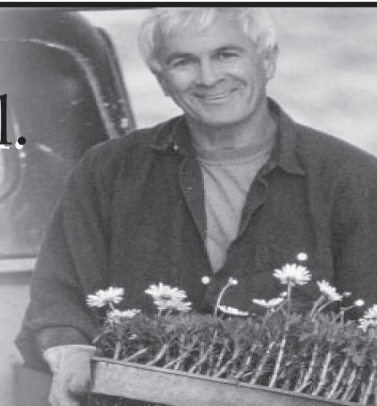
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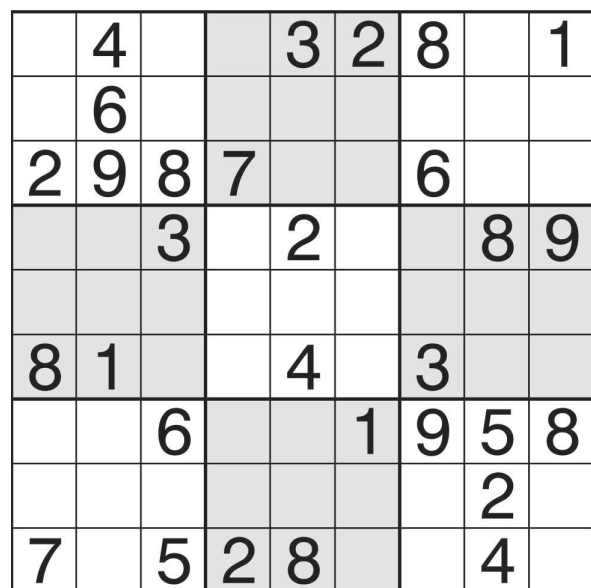


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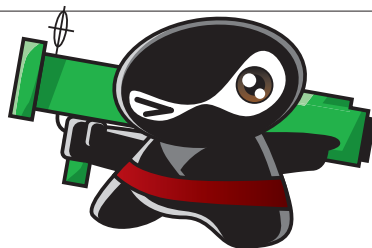
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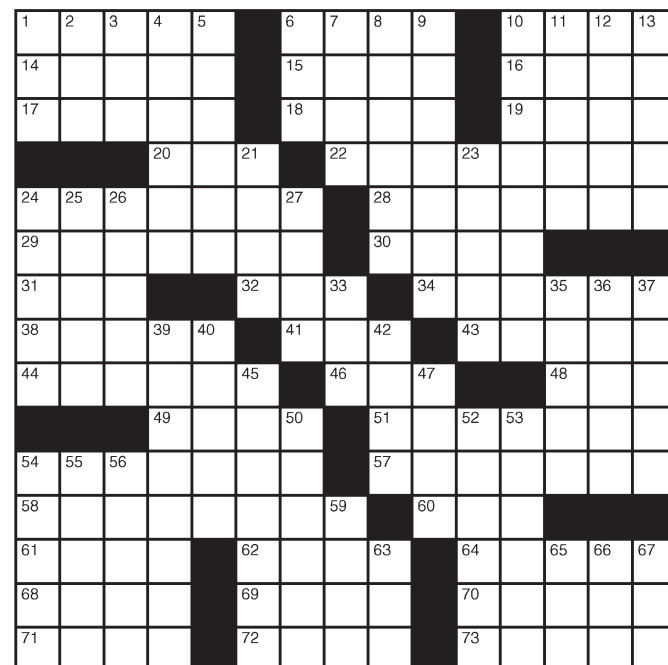
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End of the line?

Two high-profile couples are on the rocks

Wood and Manson
GETTY IMAGES FILE



MANSON AND WOOD

HE: Is your friendly, neighborhood shock rocker.

SHE: Is the go-to gal for offbeat films and, occasionally, a music project or two. (Last year's "Across the Universe," anyone?)

THEY: Started dating in 2006, drawing a lot of press attention for their seemingly different public personas and age gap.

NOTABLE: Last week, rumors started swirling that Wood and Manson were splitting up because Wood's brother Ira, who had been living with the couple, was getting kicked out of the guest house,

People reports.

QUOTABLE: "Manson and I both decided to take some time apart so we could concentrate on work. Someone used that opportunity to kick us while we were down and sell a completely false story," Wood tells People. "Manson owns the house he lives in. My brother has never stayed there and the person that said such horrible things about Manson being 'controlling' and 'emotionally abusive' is certainly no source 'close' to me."

It wasn't a good weekend for relationships. News about two high-profile couples leaked this weekend, sending rocker Marilyn Manson and Evan Rachel Wood's names to the pages of the tabloids along with Sienna Miller and "Brothers & Sisters" star Balthazar Getty. Wood confirmed in a statement to People that she and Manson, who have been dating for about two years, have decided to take some time apart. Miller, who had been linked to the married Getty, told Us Weekly she is "single at the moment." So, you might ask, what sets these splits apart from all the rest? RedEye puts it all in context.

GETTY AND MILLER

HE: Plays Tommy Walker on "Brothers & Sisters"

SHE: Is probably best known for her role in 2004's "Alfie," in which she met Jude Law. (Her off-again-on-again relationship with and engagement to Law were scarred by Law's confession that he cheated on Miller with his nanny.)

THEY: Were photographed locking lips on a boat in July while he was still married—and she was topless.

NOTABLE: Later that month, Getty announced that he and wife Rosetta were separated. (They have four children.)

QUOTABLE: "I'm single at the moment, and I'm completely happy with that," Miller told **usmagazine.com** on Friday. "It's nice not to have a relationship that the press constantly want to scrutinize and discuss. I'm cool with being on my own."

Getty



Miller





Aguilera



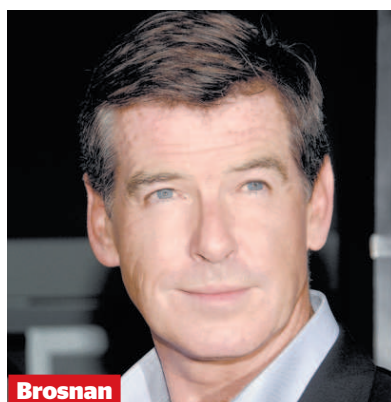
Spears

A tale of two pop stars

Christina Aguilera wants to set the record straight: She and Britney Spears are not frenemies. In fact, Xtina says she wishes the "Womanizer" singer the best. "I don't pass any judgment on what she does," the singer told Britain's Daily Mail, according to excerpts on accesshollywood.com.

When the two stars started releasing albums, she said, it may have seemed like they were always competing but "we were silly little girls together on the 'Mickey Mouse Club.'"

Meanwhile, Spears took her sons Sean Preston, 3, and Jayden James, 2, to Louisiana on Friday morning, which was the first out-of-state trip for the trio since Spears lost custody this year. And later this month, she is slated to perform on the French show "Star Academy" on Nov. 28, people.com reported.



Brosnan

Male bonding

Pierce Brosnan, who knows a thing or two about being James Bond, says that President-elect Obama is "cool enough" to be the suave spy. "He's definitely got the walk and the talk," the actor told People on Friday. "But I think he's going to make a greater president." He added that the current 007, Daniel Craig, is "a great Bond of his time."

Housing slump

Having trouble selling your home? So is "Dancing with the Stars" and former 'NSYNC star Lance Bass. He relisted his Beverly Hills home at \$3.9 million, according to the L.A. Times. The 5,000-square-foot, three-bedroom colonial was listed in 2005 at \$5.2 million and reduced to \$4.9 million, and then listed again in 2006 at \$5.3 million.



Bass

The wedding planner

Simple dress. Check. Bagpipers. Check. Jennifer Love Hewitt's wedding planning is on track, accesshollywood.com reported. The "Ghost Whisperer" star revealed details of her upcoming nuptials to fiancé Ross McCall, who is Scottish. One tradition that will be left out: "No kilt," Love Hewitt said.

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red hot



Let's see: Big hair ... a gold outfit ... and plenty of cool bracelets. Yep, looks like Beyonce (right) has a fighting chance to play Wonder Woman.



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From Dreamgirl ... to Wonder Woman?

Beyonce wants to rope in the starring role in a Wonder Woman movie—and not just because she looks good in shorts.

“I want to do a superhero movie, and what would be better than Wonder Woman? It would be great. And it would be a very bold choice. A black Wonder Woman

would be a powerful thing. It's time for that, right?” she told the L.A. Times.

Beyonce says she has met with representatives of DC Comics and Warner Bros. to express her interest in a major role. As long as it's not another cheesy Austin Powers movie, we're totally on board.

THE VELVET ROPE

Mr. Kidman?

Nicole Kidman and period dramas: OK. Nicole Kidman as a transgender artist in a period drama: Wha?

According to The Hollywood Reporter, the Oscar-winning actress has signed on to star with Charlize Theron in “The Danish Girl,” based on the true story of Danish artists Einar and Greta Wegener. Kidman will play Einar, who, in the story, realized his passion for being a woman after his wife convinced him to stand in for a female model she was painting.

His metamorphosis eventually leads to a landmark 1931 operation that tears their relationship apart.



Kidman

Let her eat cake

Kate Beckinsale wants her fans to know she's pretty normal. In fact, she will even eat cupcakes. It's true.

In a recent interview with British Elle magazine, Beckinsale explains she's been known to let herself go and get wild with the delicious treats.

“I'm entirely normal. I have my good days and my bad days. ... But if someone turns up with cupcakes midafternoon, I'll have one. I'm not aiming to be Gisele. And I'd hate to be one of those people who won't allow themselves a slice of birthday cake,” she said.

Baby Buddha?

For the son of two rock stars, baby Zuma sure seems to like keeping quiet.

Gavin Rossdale says his 2-month-old son with No Doubt singer Gwen Stefani is “super mellow, and at the moment very Buddha-like.”

Still, Rossdale acknowledged to **people.com**, Zuma is a tad fussier than the couple's oldest son, Kingston. But hey, the kid's gotta learn how to trash a hotel room sooner or later.

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